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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

NOBORI et al.

Application No.: 09/780,114

Filed: February 9, 2001

For: NUCLEIC ACIDS ENCODING
MTASE (AS AMENDED)

Customer No.: 20350

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Examiner: Jeanine Anne Goldberg

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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed January 29, 2004, please enter the following amendments and remarks. A petition for extension of time for three months, from April 29, 2004 to July 29, 2004 is included herein.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.